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1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF MARCH 19 CARRIED NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE ARTICLE DATELINED WASHINGTON ON FRONT PAGE COLUMN ONE WITH HEADLINE "US ASKS RIGHT TO FIRE ABMS ACROSS CANADA." ARTICLE DID NOT CONTAIN MATERIAL TO JUSTIFY HEADLINE. IT CARRIED FOLLOWING STATEMENT, INCLUDING PURPORTED QUOTATION FROM DOD: "THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, ACKNOWLEDGED YESTERDAY THAT UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THE DEFENSIVE MISSILES WOULD BE FIRED OVER CANADIAN TERRITORY. IT NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT LONG-RANGE SPARTAN MISSILES FIRED FROM SENTINEL BASES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE LIKELY TO 'INTERCEPT OVER CANADIAN TERRITORY'. ASKED WHETHER CANADIAN PERMISSION HAD BEEN SOUGHT AND OBTAINED FOR SUCH USE OF CANADIAN AIRSPACE, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENZ, IN AN ANSWER COORDINATED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SAID: 'WE DISCUSS MATTERS SUCH AS THESE WITH THE CANADIANS ON A CONTINUING BASIS. A NUMBER OF AEROSPACE MATTERS PERTAINING TO ABM ARE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE CANADIANS. SINCE THESE MATTERS ARE BEING DISCUSSED, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO DEAL IN SPECIFICS AT THIS TIME'".

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